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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: VOA HUNGARIAN SERVICE TAKACS TRAVEL

REF: BUDAPEST 0314

1. IN JANUARY 27 CONVERSATION WITH ASST DIRECTOR SHIRLEY HUNGARIAN DEPFONMIN NAGY ASSURED US THAT VISA REQUESTS FROM VOA CORRESPONDENTS OTHER THAN THOSE ATTACHED TO HUNGARIAN SERVICE WOULD RECEIVE PROMPT AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. APPLICATION FROM HUNGARIAN SERVICE CORRESPONDENTS, NAGY SAID, CONSTITUTED "SPECIAL PROBLEM" WHICH COULD, HOWEVER, BE RESOLVED "IN TIME."

2. SHIRLEY RESPONDED THAT THIS PRACTICE WHICH WE REGARDED AS DISCRIMINATORY OBVIOUSLY POSED PROBLEM WHICH WE WISHED TO SEE RESOLVED. SHIRLEY PROPOSED THAT ON NEXT OCCASION WHEN VOA WISHED TO SEND HUNGARIAN SERVICE CORRESPONDENT TO COVER EVENT IN WHICH THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL US INTEREST/INVOLVEMENT WE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AS WELL AS WITH HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. SHIRLEY TOLD NAGY THAT SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD PRECEDE SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR VISA TO GIVE HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES SUFFICIENT TIME CAREFULLY TO CONSIDER DECISION WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE OF CONSID-  
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ERABLE INTEREST TO US SIDE. NAGY REPLIED THAT THIS PRO-

CEDURE WAS ACCEPTABLE BUT MADE NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENTS.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE RECOMMEND THAT TAKACS APPLICATION BE WITHDRAWN. AT DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CONSULTATION WITH AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST WE WOULD THEN RESUBMIT APPLICATION AFTER APPROPRIATE EXCHANGES WITH HUNGARIANS. STRONGLY FEEL THAT THIS IS BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW TO OBTAIN REVERSAL OF PRESENT HUNGARIAN POLICY WHICH CLEARLY REFLECTS DECISION AT POLITICAL LEVEL. IN VIEW OF ATTITUDE REFLECTED BY NAGY BELIEVE THAT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH APPLICATION AT PRESENT TIME WOULD RESULT IN: (A) REJECTION OF VISA REQUEST; AND (B) FURTHER DELAY IN RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM WHICH HAS NOW BEEN WITH US FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

4. ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AND REPEAT TO BUDAPEST.  
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